

SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

OGC Has Reviewed

3 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. ^{25X1}
SUBJECT : Quarters Allowance for ^{25X1} Station

25X1
1. Following the activation of the ^{25X1} Station in September, we have found that the cost of living in is so high that our employees are hard put to it to pay the expenses for maintaining their dependents. The main difficulty is caused by the tight housing situation as indicated by local editorial comment (in files) which estimates a shortage of 10,000 units. With the influx of employees of the Defense agencies, the situation bids fair to become worse since the Navy is forcing civilians to move from Navy quarters now needed by their own personnel.

2. For example, we have been informed that one bedroom apartments, when available, rent from \$100 to \$175 per month and many of the two bedroom units from \$185 to \$200. Our GS-5 commo clerk was forced to rent a one bedroom apartment for \$140 per month to accommodate his wife and baby with the result that he has less than \$100 left for all other expenses.

25X1
3. This Agency has recognized the high cost of living by granting a temporary allowance of \$10 per day up to 60 days or to the date permanent quarters were located if prior to 60 days from the date of arrival. In view of the fact that Defense employees have quarters furnished or else are granted a quarters allowance, we feel that some means should be found promptly to relieve our employees of the almost impossible financial burden that they are now carrying. There are several documents in the files of bearing on this matter and the station has been asked to furnish as much factual data as possible. We would appreciate your advice as to the proper method to initiate a formal request for relief.

4. For your information, we were informed that a request for relief was initiated by Personnel and turned down because of the provisions in the public law respecting ^{25X1}

 ^{25X1}

Acting Chief, ^{25X1}

DSH/jph
cc

SECRET